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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Claims 34-36 have been added. Claims 28 and 29 have been canceled. Claims 12, 18, 20, 21, 32 and 33 have been amended. Claims 12-16, 18-21, 25-27 and 30-33 are pending after entry of the Response.

Claims 20, 28, 29, 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have deleted the term "preferably." Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested based upon the foregoing amendments.

Claims 12-16, 18-21, 25-29 and 31-33 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because, according to the Office Action, the specification does not enable the claims. To advance prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to delete recitation to percent homologies. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Examiner Manjunath is invited to contact Applicants at (650) 846-7544 if there are additional questions/concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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